Widening of export and import deals between India and South Africa

*200. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

SHRI N. K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and South Africa have recently agreed to widen the export and import deals;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa recently;

(c) whether the imports from South Africa are five time more than exports to that country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to enhance exports to South Africa?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the meeting between the Commerce & Industry Minister and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa in New Delhi on 13th November, 2009, level of bilateral trade was reviewed and it was stressed that the trade basket is required to be expanded to tap existing potential. Details of discussion are as follows:

(1) Both the Ministers agreed that early conclusion of India-SACU Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) and Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) will provide further impetus to trade in goods and investments. It was also agreed that the CEO Forum should be reconstituted at the earliest.

(2) Both the Ministers expressed satisfaction at the level of bilateral trade which has touched US $ 7,406.51 million during 2008-09. India's imports from South Africa were US $ 5,440.36 million during this period and India's exports to South Africa was US $ 1966.15 million.

(3) Both Ministers discussed the two way investments, and noted that Indian investments were about US $ 3 Billion with many projects still under implementation. There is interest shown by South African companies to invest in India also and present inflows are about US $ 100 million.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Imports from South Africa were about 2.77 times the Indian exports to South Africa in 2008-09.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

SEZs approved

1367. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many SEZs have been approved by the Ministry during the last two years;

(b) the details of the land and the names of the developers in each case; and

(c) whether there is any penalty clause on the delayed projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In addition to seven Central Government SEZs and 12 State/Private Sector SEZs set up prior to the enactment of SEZ Act, 2005, formal approval has been accorded to 570 proposals out of which 346 SEZs have been notified. A State-wise list of notified SEZ with details of land is enclosed as a Statement *(See* below).

(c) In terms of Rule 6 of the SEZ Rules, validity of approval is for a period of three years within which time effective steps are to be taken by the developer to implement the approved proposal. On a request received from the developer, the Board of Approval can extend the validity period upto two years.

Statement

List of area of land of Notified SEZs

S.No.	State	Total area of land in hectares*
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	10253.9781
2	Chandigarh	58.4566
3	Dadar & Nagar	23.11
4	Goa	249.475
5	Gujarat	12616.954
6	Haryana	1351.4241
7	Jharkhand	36.4218
8	Karnataka	2012.3431
9	Kerala	618.3172
10	MP	265.327
11	Maharashtra	8165.54
12	Nagaland	50.7
13	Orissa	683.9263
14	Punjab	46.124
15	Rajasthan	556.2584
16	Tamil Nadu	3627.8032

1	2	3
17	Uttarakhand	28.1426
18	UP	235.5661
19	West Bengal	210.44429
	TOTAL	41090.3118

This also includes the land already in the possession of Government agencies including State Industrial Development Authorities.

Sectors registered growth during global recession

1368. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) which are the sectors of our economy whose exports have grown during the current global downturn;

(b) what can we learn from them; and

(c) the steps taken to transfer this learning to other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) As per the quick estimates of the exports by DGCI&S for the period April to October, 2009, there has been growth, as pompared to period April-October 08, in the following sectors (in USD):

1.	Man made yarn/ fabrics/madeups	1.2%
2.	Fruits and vegetables	5.7%
3.	Tobacco	20.5%

(b) and (c) Each Sector is differently impacted by the global downturn, depending on international demand, supply and price situation.

Removal of licence requirements for power distribution in SEZs

1369. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in move to ease procedural hassles, Commerce Ministry is pushing for removal of licensing requirements needed to distribute power to factories, business outsourcing units, and social infrastructure like hospitals and malls located inside SEZ;

(b) whether Power and Commerce Ministers are in advanced stages of interdepartmental talks that would lead to doing away with requirement for obtaining licences of distributing power inside SEZs;